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Board Ready to Report on Powers

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Central Intelligence Director

John M. McCone said yesterday that a special board of inquiry has finished questioning U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers about his ill-fated flight over the Soviet Union and subsequent capture.

Congressional sources said they were advised that a summary statement on the board's findings would be made public Friday, presumably after being censored for security purposes.

A high Administration source said earlier that Powers himself might be ready by the weekend to tell his story to the American people at a special news conference.

McCone said he hopes to study the board's report and then discuss it with congressional committees before the end of the week.

Two Senate committees already have arranged to hear from the CIA chief and other intelligence officials on details of what Powers has related.

McCone is to report on Thursday to a special Senate watchdog subcommittee on the CIA, beginning at 9 a. m. It was learned that he is to appear on Friday before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

McCone's comments were made to newsmen after a three-hour, closed-door session with the House Foreign Affairs Committee, headed by Rep. Thomas E. Moran (D-Pa.).

One Committee source said McCone's unwillingness to discuss the Powers matter in any way yesterday prompted a sharp exchange with Rep. Wayne L. Hays (D-Ohio), who was reported to have told McCone:

"I have regarded you favorably before; but on the basis of your appearance here today, all I can say is that you are like Allen Dulles (McCone's predecessor at CIA) in one respect and unlike him in

another: He didn't tell us anything either, but he did it more entertainingly."

McCone said the board's re-

port was purely advisory and would warrant careful study before he reached his own findings.